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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INFORMATION

REF: STATE 231122

1. SENATOR HUMPHREY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE THE SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS DATA AND INFORMATION ON 17 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, URUGUAY AND PARAGUAY, ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL

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STAFF'S USE IN PREPARING LEGISLATION. IN RESPONSE TO THIS

REQUEST, THE SECRETARY HAS AUTHORIZED US TO PROVIDE THE SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THIS BASIC DATA AND INFORMATION USING AS A BASIS THEREFOR UPDATED DRAFTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE REPORTS ON THE 17 COUNTRIES WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE SUBMISSION EARLY NEXT YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 502B(B) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, AS AMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976. (THE TEXT AND A DISCUSSION OF THE RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS WERE TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL.) ALL INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED ON A CLASSIFIED BASIS, AS SENATOR HUMPHREY REQUESTED AND THE SECRETARY HAS DIRECTED, ALTHOUGH PUBLIC DISCLOSURE CANNOT BE PRECLUDED.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED THE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS BEING COLLECTED AND PREPARED FOR TURNOVER IN TWO WEEKS, I.E., OCTOBER 8. ACCORDINGLY, CORRECTIONS, UPDATING INFORMATION, COMMENTS AND EMBASSY CLEARANCE ON THE LATEST, PARTIALLY CLEARED, DRAFTS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS, BEING SENT BY SEPARATE CABLE, ARE NEEDED URGENTLY, BY COB WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 30, TO ALLOW TIME FOR COMPLETION OF THE CLEARANCE PROCESS, TYPING AND SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS BY THE DEADLINE INDICATED.

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